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A LIST OF BOOKS FOR HOME READING OF HIGH-SCHOOL PUPILS

PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION

The following list is intended to aid teachers in recommending books for home reading. The books named are those that teachers have found helpful. In fact helpfulness is the one common factor, for in other characteristics the books must differ as widely as the needs of the individual students. Some are intended to awaken a taste for reading in those who have never read for pleasure. Others are to bridge the gap between trash and good literature. Others are to open new fields of interest to tastes already forming or developed beyond the average. Still others are to stimulate thought, to inspire a worthy view of life, to arouse ambition. Some are intended merely as models for the student's own writing. Each has been recommended that it may be helpful in at least one respect.

The list excludes books valuable only for the information conveyed. Books that merely give information, however needful, are not, in the opinion of the committee, books for home reading. No book has been included unless it has seemed to have, apart from the value of the facts imparted, some merit or helpfulness of its own.

Only a few works of any one author are named unless his work is unusually desirable. There is one exception. A novelist's works sometimes differ widely in style and subject. In such a case, more than one manner may be represented. In restricting the list, there is no intention to restrict the pupil to the books listed. It is to be hoped that he will be led to read more widely from each author he likes. One object in naming works of so many authors has been to open the largest possible number of lines of interest—to offer varied samples of the wealth that lies in the storehouse of literature.

Fiction constitutes approximately half the list. This has seemed advisable, since it is through good fiction that most pupils are led to appreciate other forms. The number of suitable books outside fiction is, moreover, relatively small. In other departments the question is, "What can we put in?" In the department of fiction we find ourselves asking, "What shall we leave out?"

While agreed upon principles, the members of the committee have differed regarding the application of these to particular works. The list does not represent a majority vote, although no book favored by a majority fails to appear. On the other hand, many books appear that have not a clear majority; a minority is proportionately represented. Where a few have enthusiastically urged the admission of books of a certain class, a few books of this class have been admitted. The list is not a common factor; it is rather a resultant that, while expressing the general sentiments of all, embodies a little of the individual opinion of each.

PRACTICAL USE

The list should not be put without comment into the hands of the pupils. The books are suited to many needs and it is essential that each pupil shall get the book that fits his case. From this list, as from a pharmacopia where the cure for one would be poison to another, the teacher must prescribe the right medicine. To do this he must know the needs of his pupils and the qualities of the books. He must therefore familiarize himself with the books listed. It would be well for the Council to issue, at a later date, classified lists, making clear just what each book is and for what it can best be used. (Under fiction, in the present list, there has been an attempt at such a classification.)

It has proved impracticable to indicate division by years. Courses and requirements differ too radically in different places. Two extreme classes of books are indicated—books suited chiefly to pupils of the first year and books suited chiefly to pupils of the fourth year.

REVISION

It is recommended that every four years after adoption the list be revised. Such a list must meet the altering needs of young people in a changing world. It must be for the present and of the present.

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^{*}Added in September, 1913, to assist the original committee in the work of revision.

Abbreviations used throughout the list: (M) indicates books suitable chiefly for pupils of the fourth year; (Y) indicates books suitable chiefly for pupils of the first year.

FICTION

After the names of certain books the chairman has placed letters and other brief indications of the character of the work. The abbreviations used are as follows:

- A. Containing lively action. B. Will interest chiefly boys.
- C. Concerned with character. D. Detective story.
- F. Humorous.
- G. Will interest chiefly girls.
- H. Historical. (A numeral following gives the century. An abbreviation may indicate the period. The ordinary abbreviations for countries, etc., are used.)
 - J. Dealing with childhood. R. Central interest in love story.

 - S. Sea story.
 Sh. Collection of short stories.
 - T. With fairy element.
 - W. Dealing with the supernatural or the uncanny.

The name of a person, place, or topic in parentheses indicates that the story deals with this.

Aucassin and Nicolette (Lang's trans.) (M)

Alcott Little Women (YG) Aldrich Story of a Bad Boy (YI)

Marjorie Daw (R) Allen

Kentucky Cardinal (R) Amicis Cuore: Heart of a School Boy (YI)

Andersen Stories (YT)

Arabian Nights Entertainments (YAW)

Andrews Perfect Tribute (Lincoln)

Elizabeth and Her German Garden (FC) Arnim, von

Arnold Phra the Phoenician (YAH) Pride and Prejudice (MC) Austen, I. Bachellor Dri and I (AH: Am.) Barrie Little Minister (ARF)

Peter and Wendy (JTF) Sentimental Tommy (JCF)

Buried Alive (MC) Bennett, A.

Master Skylark (YH: Shakespeare) Bennett, J. Besant

All Sorts and Conditions of Men (Sociology)

Chaplain of the Fleet (CH: 18)

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Judith Shakespeare (CH) Princess of Thule (C) Lorna Doone (AH: 17) Jane Eyre (MCR)

Brontë Brown, A. Bullen Bunyan Burnett

Blackmore

Meadow Grass (C)
Cruise of the Cachalot (AS)
Pilgrim's Progress (Y: Allegory)
Secret Garden (IG)

Burney Cable Evelina (Cranford Edition) (MRG)

Old Creole Days (Sh)

Carroll

Alice in Wonderland; Through the Looking Glass (YIT)

Castle Cervantes Chesterton Churchill

Clemens

Collins

Pride of Jennico (YAR)
Don Quixote (AF: Chivalry)
Innocence of Father Brown (CD)
Mr. Crewe's Career (Political)
Crisis (AH: Am. Civil War)
Richard Carvel (YAH: Am. Rey.)

Huckleberry Finn (FJB)

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc (H) Prince and Pauper (AH: Mediaeval)

Tom Sawyer (FJB)
Moonstone (D)

Connolly Connor Out of Gloucester (AS) Glengarry Schooldays (J) Black Rock (Can. N.W.) Typhoon (ACS)

Cooper

Youth (ShACS)
Last of the Mohicans (YAH)
Pathfinder (YAH)
Pilot (AH: Am. Rev.)

Spy (AH)

Craik John Halifax, Gentleman (MC)

Crane Crawford Red Badge of Courage
Mr. Isaacs (A: India)
Saracinesca (MC: Italy)
Lilac Sunbonnet (RG)

Crockett

Daskam

Daudet

Raiders (AHB)
Madness of Philip (JF)
Tartarin of Tarascon (F: Fr.)
Gallegher and Other Stories (A)

Davis, R. H. Davis, W. S.

Princess Aline (AG) A Friend of Caesar (AH) Robinson Crusoe (YAS)

Defoe Deland

Awakening of Helena Richie (MC)

de Maupassant De Morgan Old Chester Tales (M)
The Odd Number (Sh: Fr.)
Alice-for-Short (MC)

Dickens Christmas Stories (Y)
David Copperfield

Great Expectations Nicholas Nickleby Old Curiosity Shop Oliver Twist Pickwick Papers

A Tale of Two Cities (AH: Fr. Rev.)

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (AD)

The White Company (AH: Mediaeval)

Dumas Count of Monte Cristo (A: Fr.)
Three Musketeers (AH: Fr.)

Duncan Dr. Luke of the Labrador (Newfoundland)

Ebers Egyptian Princess (H)
Eggleston Hoosier Schoolmaster
Eliot Adam Bede (C)
Middlemarch (MC)
Mill on the Floss (C)
Romola (MCH: Italy)

Silas Marner (C)
Ewing Jackanapes (JG)

Farnol An Amateur Gentleman (AH: Eng. 18)

Ford Hon. Peter Stirling (C: Politics)
Janice Meredith (AH: Rev.)

Fox Trail of the Lonesome Pine (R)
Galsworthy A Motley (ShMC)

Garland Main Travelled Roads (Sh: West)
Gaskell Cranford (CG)

Goldsmith Vicar of Wakefield
Grahame Golden Age (J)

Gras Reds of the Midi (AH: Fr. Rev.)

Haggard King Solomon's Mines (YA: Africa)

Hale A Man without a Country (Y)

Harris Uncle Remus (YF: Negro)
Harrison V. V.'s Eyes (C)

Harrison
V. V.'s Eyes (C)
Harte
Luck of Roaring Camp (West)
Hawkins
Prisoner of Zenda (YAR)
House of Seven Gables (C)
Morble Faun (MC)

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Scarlet Letter (MCH)
Twice Told Tales (Y)

Hearn Chita (Story of last island) (M: Poetic)

Holmes Elsie Venner (C)
Howells A Boy's Town (J)

Rise of Silas Lapham (MC)

Hughes Tom Brown's School Days (YAJ)

Hugo Les Misérables (AC) Ninety-Three (AC) Irving Knickerbocker's History of New York (selec-

tions) (FH) Sketch Book

Tales of a Traveller Tales from the Alhambra

Ramona (MC: Indian abuses) Jackson

Jewett Deephaven (MC) Stover at Yale Johnson, O.

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Kipling

Lytton

Johnston To Have and to Hold (AH: Am. Col.) The Long Roll (MACH: Civil War)

Kelly Little Citizens (J)

Kingsley Hereward the Wake (AH: Conquest)

Hypatia (MH: Early Christ.)

Westward Ho (AH: Eng. 17)

Captains Courageous (AS) The Day's Work (Sh) Jungle Books (YI: Nature)

Kim (YI: India)

Puck of Pook's Hill (YH: Eng.)

Selected short stories, especially from: (India)

Life's Handicap Many Inventions Under the Deodars Tales from Shakespeare

Lamb Lane Nancy Stair (Burns) Lever Charles O'Malley (A: Irish) Beloved Vagabond (CR) Locke Call of the Wild (YA: Nature) London Tales of the Fish Patrol (AS)

Loti An Iceland Fisherman (S: Poetic) Lover Rory O'More (AF: Irish)

Last of the Barons (AH: Mediaeval)

Last Days of Pompeii (AH) MacDonald Robert Falconer (C)

Maclaren Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush (CSh: Scotch)

Midshipman Easy (YAS) Marryatt

Emmy Lou (JG) Martin Peasant and Prince (H: Fr. Rev.) Martineau

Moby Dick (AS: Whaling) Melville Mitchell Hugh Wynne (AH: Rev.) Through the Wall (AD) Moffet Jessamy Bride (Goldsmith) More Bob, Son of Battle (Dog) Ollivant

Scarlet Pimpernel (AH: Fr. Rev.) Orczy Dog of Flanders (Y: Fr.) Ouida In Ole Virginia (Sh: South) Page Red Rock (Am. H.)

Parker In the Seats of the Mighty (Canada) Parker Right of Way (M : Canada)
Poe Gold Bug (D)

(Selected Tales) (W)
Porter ("O. Henry") Four Million (F)
Porter, G. S. Freckles

Porter, G. S.
Porter, J.

Pyle

Freckles
Scottish Chiefs (H)
Men of Iron (YAH)

Merry Adventures of Robin Hood (YAH)

Quiller-Couch Splendid Spur (YAH: 17)

Reade Cloister and the Hearth (AH: Mediaeval)

Robertson, M. Spun-Yarn (AS)

Ruskin King of the Golden River (YT)
Russell Wreck of the Grosvenor (AS)
Scott Abbot (YAH: Mediaeval)
Guy Mannering (AH: 18)
Ivanhoe (YAH: Mediaeval)
Kenilworth (AH: 17)

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Monastery (YAH: Mediaeval)
Quentin Durward (YAH: Mediaeval)
Talisman (YAH: Mediaeval)

Seton Lives of the Hunted (A: Nature)
Trail of the Sandhill Stag (A: Nature)

Shaw Cashel Byron's Profession (M)

Sienkiewicz With Fire and Sword (the first of a trilogy) (AH: Poland)

Poland)

In Desert and Wilderness (YA : Africa)
Smith, F. H. Colonel Carter of Cartersville (C)
Snedecker Coward of Thermopylae (AH : Greece)
Stevenson Black Arrow (YAH : Mediaeval)

Bottle Imp (AJF)
David Balfour (AC)

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (ACW)

Dynamiter (AF)
Kidnapped (YAH)
Merry Men (ShA)
Treasure Island (YAS)

Stockton Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine (SFC)

Lady or the Tiger, and Other Stories (ShFC)

Rudder Grange (FC)

Swift Gulliver's Travels (AF)

Tarbell He Knew Lincoln (H)

Tarkington Gentleman from Indiana

Monsieur Beaucaire (AH: 18)

Thackeray Henry Esmond (CH: 18)
Newcomes (MC)

Van Dyke Vanity Fair (MC)
Blue Flower (Poetic)

Verne Round the World in Eighty Days (YAF)
Vorse Breaking in of a Yachtsman's Wife (CFG)
Wallace Ben Hur (YAH)

Webster Daddy-Long-Legs (CG)
Wells Invisible Man (AW)
Kipps (CF)

War of the Worlds (AW)
Weyman
Gentleman of France (AH : Fr.)
Under the Red Robe (AH : Fr.)

White Blazed Trail

Wiggin Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (JG)

Wilkins New England Nun (ShC)
Williams Princeton Stories
Winthrop John Brent (AH: West)
Wister Virginian (A: West)

Woolson Anne (AD)

Zangwill Children of the Ghetto (C)

DRAMA

Anonymous Everyman
Bangs Farces
Bennett and Knobloch Milestones (M)

Euripides Alcestis (M)
Galsworthy Little Dream (M)
Strife (M)

Goethe Faust, Part I (M)
Goldsmith She Stoops to Conquer
Gregory, Lady Seven Short Plays

Housman and Barker Prunella

Marlowe

Noyes Peabody

Howells Farces (Elevator, Mouse Trap, etc.)
Kennedy Servant in the House (M)

Loti and Gautier Daughter of Heaven (M)
Mackaye Jeanne d'Arc
Macterlinck Blue Bird

ck Blue Bird
Jew of Malta
Sherwood
Piper (M)
Ulysses

Phillips Ulysses
Rostand Cyrano de Bergerac (M)

Shakespeare As You Like It
Hamlet (M)

Henry IV (both parts)

Henry V Julius Caesar King Lear (M) Macbeth

Merchant of Venice Midsummer-Night's Dream Shakespeare Othello (M)

Tempest

Twelfth Night Winter's Tale Rivals (M)

Sheridan Rivals (N Sophocles Antigone

Synge Riders to the Sea Well of the Saints

Tennyson Foresters (M)
Van Dyke House of Rimmon
Cathlean ai Houlib

Yeats Cathleen ni Houlihan Land of Heart's Desire

Zangwill Pot of Broth
Melting Pot (M)

POETRY

A. LONG INDIVIDUAL POEMS AND VOLUMES BY ONE AUTHOR

Anonymous Song of Roland Arnold, M. Balder Dead

Forsaken Merman Sohrab and Rustum

Barham Ingoldsby Legends Browning, Robert Poems (selected)

Byron Childe Harold (selections)
Prisoner of Chillon

Chaucer Nonne Prestes Tale (M)
Prologue (M)

Prose Translation of Selected Tales, by Percy

Coleridge Ancient Mariner

Goldsmith Christabel
Deserted Village

Gray Elegy in a Country Churchyard

Homer Iliad Odyssey

Kipling

Keats Eve of St. Agnes (M)

Lamia (M)
Ballads (selected)

Longfellow Seven Seas
Golden Legend

Tales of a Wayside Inn

Lowell Vision of Sir Launfal

Macaulay Lays of Ancient Rome

Masefield Story of a Round House and Other Poems
Milton Paradise Lost, Books I and II (M)
Morris, W. Earthly Paradise (selected) (M)

Sigurd the Volsung (M)

12 BOOKS FOR HOME READING OF HIGH-SCHOOL PUPILS

Noyes Tales of Mermaid Tavern

Omar Khayyam Rubaiyat (M)
Pope Rape of the Lock
Riley Armazindy

Scott Lay of the Last Minstrel Lady of the Lake

Marmion

Stevenson Ballads

Child's Garden of Verses (Y)
Swinburne Atalanta in Calydon (M)

Tennyson Enoch Arden

Idylls of the King Princess

Theocritus Selected Idyls (M)

Virgil Aeneid
Whittier Snowbound
Tent on the Beach

Wordsworth Michael

Ode on the Intimations of Immortality (M)

B. COLLECTIONS

GENERAL COLLECTIONS

Henley Lyra Heroica
Page Chief American Poems

Palgrave Golden Treasury (First and Second Series)

Pancoast Standard English Verse
Quiller-Couch Oxford Book of Verse
Repplier Famous Verse
Scudder American Poems

Seward Narrative and Lyric Poems
Stedman American Anthology*

Victorian Anthology*

Ward English Poets (four volumes) (M)

Wells Nonsense Anthology Wiggin Golden Numbers

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF BALLADS

Allingham The Ballad Book Bates, K. L. A Ballad Book

Gummere Old English Ballads (M)
Mabie A Book of Old English Ballads

In using the general collections, pupils should be directed to the work of the poets whose individual works are listed above. They should be directed also to poems by the following:

English: Blake, Browning (E. B.), Burns, Cowper, Hood, Moore, the Rossettis (Christina and Dante), Shelley, Spenser, Wordsworth.

^{*} These include the work of minor poets.

American: Bryant (selections), Drake, Emerson, Field, Holmes, Lanier, Lowell, Poe, Riley, Whitman, Whittier.

In the more recent collections, and in current literature, attention should be directed to the poems of Markham, Newbolt, Phillips, Francis Thompson, Tynan, and others representative of contemporary tendencies.

BIOGRAPHY

Twenty Years of Hull House (M) Addams

The Promised Land Antin Barrie Margaret Ogilvie

Johnson (abridged edition) Boswell

Brady Paul Jones

Cheney Life of Louisa Alcott Indian Boyhood Eastman

Evans Sailor's Log Fields Yesterdays with Authors (M) Tramping with Tramps Flynt Life of Washington (M) Ford

Franklin Autobiography Gaskell Charlotte Brontë

Gilder Autobiography of a Tomboy

Life of Mary Lyon Gilchrist New England Boyhood (Y) Hale

Hapgood, H. Paul Jones

Higginson Cheerful Yesterdays Irving Life of Goldsmith Life of Edison Tones Keller Story of My Life

New England Girlhood (Y) Larcom Lodge Life of Washington (M)

Loti Story of a Child

Clive Macaulay

Mahan From Sail to Steam Life on the Stage Morris, C. Life of Carla Wenckebach Muller Nicolay Boy's Life of Lincoln (Y) Palmer Alice Freeman Palmer Repplier Our Convent Days Florence Nightingale Richards Riis Making of an American

Schurz Autobiography (M) Life of Nelson Southey Stevenson Vailima Letters (M) Washington, B. Up from Slavery

Those wishing to send students to biographies of prominent men are referred to the English (and American) "Men of Letters Series," and the English (and American) "Statesmen Series."

COLLECTIONS

Buxton Book of Noble Women

Lodge and Roosevelt Hero Tales from American History
Plutarch Hero Tales from American History
Lives (Boys' and Girls' Plutarch)

HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY

Baldwin Story of Siegfried (Y)

Bullfinch Age of Fable

Carlyle French Revolution (selected chapters) (M)

Church Iliad for Boys and Girls (Y)
Odyssey for Boys and Girls (Y)

Stories from Greek Tragedies (Y)

Stories from Virgil (Y)

Howard Indian Chiefs I Have Known

Kingsley Roman and Teuton
Lang Tales of Troy and Greece (Y)

Lanier Boy's King Arthur (Y)
Parkman Montcalm and Wolfe
Prescott Conquest of Mexico
Roosevelt Winning of the West

Thwaites

Clemens

SPEECHES

Father Marquette

Beecher Liverpool Address (M)
Curtis Right of Suffrage (M)

Public Duty of Educated Men
Race Problem in the South (M)

Henry On the Adoption of the Constitution
Lincoln Gettysburg Speech

First and Second Inaugurals (M)

Macaulay Speeches on Copyright (M)
Phillips Suffrage for Woman (M)
Toussaint L'Ouverture (M)

Schurz International Arbitration (M)
Seward The Irrepressible Conflict (M)
Webster First Bunker Hill Address (M)

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

(Works in which the traveler's reflections are the chief element are listed under "Essays.")

Brassey Voyage in the Sunbeam (abridged edition)

Innocents Abroad Life on the Mississippi

Custer (Mrs.)

Dallenbaugh

Dana

Boots and Saddles

Romance of the Colorado River

Two Years before the Mast

Du Chaillu In African Forest and Jungle Dr. Grenfell's Parish Duncan

Vagabond Journey around the World Frank

Zone Policeman 88 Gibson, W. H. Camp Life in the Woods

Grenfell Adrift on an Ice-Pan Some Strange Corners of Our Country Lummis

Parkman Oregon Trail

Roosevelt African Game Trails

Hunting Trips of a Ranchman

Ross Changing Chinese

Seton Wild Animals I Have Known Sidgwick Home Life in Germany (M) Slocum Sailing Alone around the World

Smith, F. H. Gondola Days

A White Umbrella in Mexico

Taylor Views Afoot

Warner Baddeck and That Sort of Thing

My Winter on the Nile

ESSAYS, AND WORKS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

Bennett, A. How to Live on Twenty-Four Hours a Day

Benson, A. From a College Window (M) Brown Rab and His Friends

Burroughs Locusts and Wild Honey

Wake Robin

Carlyle Heroes and Hero-Worship (M) Chesterton Tremendous Trifles (M) Crothers The Gentle Reader (M)

In the Hands of a Receiver (M)

Curtis, G. W. Prue and I Davis, R. H. Our English Cousins

De Quincy English Mail Coach (M) Eastman Soul of an Indian

Essays (First Series)(M) Emerson Grayson Essays in Contentment Grenfell Adventures of Life Gulick The Efficient Life Harrison Choice of Books Hearn

Out of the East (M) The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table Holmes, O. W.

Hubbard, E. A Message to Garcia Huxley A Piece of Chalk, etc.

Terome Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow

Three Men in a Boat

Lubbock Pleasures of Life

16 BOOKS FOR HOME READING OF HIGH-SCHOOL PUPILS

Palmer Prime Repplier Riis Robinson, Phil. Roosevelt Ross

Shaler

Stevenson

Self-Cultivation in English I Go A-Fishing Essays in Idleness How the Other Half Lives Under the Sun The Strenuous Life Sin and Society (M) Story of Our Continent A Christmas Sermon An Inland Voyage Travels with a Donkey Virginibus Puerisque (M) The Four Georges Cape Cod Walden (M)

Thackeray Thoreau

Van Dyke Wagner Warner

White, S. E.

Fisherman's Luck The Simple Life Back Log Studies In the Wilderness

The Forest